

Public Law 97-1  
97th Congress

## Joint Resolution

Designating January 29, 1981, as "A Day of Thanksgiving To Honor Our Safely Returned Hostages".

Jan. 26, 1981  
[S.J. Res. 16]

Whereas we the people of the United States are one people under God;

Whereas in recognition of the hope, honor, faith, and courage of those men and women who have been forceably held prisoner in Iran;

Whereas eight brave men laid down their lives in the pursuit and defense of freedom;

Whereas in order for the people of the United States of America to express their appreciation, hope, and care for these men and women; and

Whereas in order for the Nation to express its thanks to God for the safekeeping of these people and this Country: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the 29th day of January 1981, is declared "A Day of Thanksgiving To Honor Our Safely Returned Hostages", and that Americans participate in services in places of their own choosing on that date, as already called for by churches, synagogues, and mosques across this Country.*

A Day of  
Thanksgiving To  
Honor Our  
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Hostages.  
Designation.

Approved January 26, 1981.

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Jan. 23, considered and passed House.

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Jan. 26, Presidential statement.